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Confidence In Your Seedsman Your Best Guarantee

FUNK BROS. SEED CO.

BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS

Satisfied Customers Our Best Recommendation &



By Their Fruits Ye Shall Know Them—Matthew: 7-20

FUNK'S HYBRID CORN

EW Eras present themselves slowly over long periods of readjustment. Funk's Hybrid Corn has been fifteen years in coming to the place where it can be given to the corn producer with the assurance that it has better than an equal chance of making good. If we did not have confidence in this new method of corn breeding during thirty years of study in corn improvement we could not afford, and further we would not offer it to our customers. Study the map on the back of this circular. Read what growers in many parts of the United States have to say about Funk's Hybrid Corn. Why not try it yourself?

THE HYBRID CORN ERA IS HERE. This new type of corn is the result of sound scientific breeding and is gradually replacing open-pollinated varieties. No one HYBRID will bring about a complete readjustment. Natural and individual farm differences are too varied. Try one or more of FUNK'S HYBRIDS on your farm. You

may want to plant all of your acreage in Funk's Hybrid some day—we do not recommend it now.

Our request is that you give Funk's Hybrid Corn a fair trial on a part of your com acreage. Learn for yourself. Hundreds of reports from growers who tried this corn the past three years indicate that we can supply you with a Hybrid Corn that will give you better results than the seed corn you are using at the present time. This is an opportunity that far sighted farmers cannot afford to overlook.

Our supply of Hybrid Corn has never been equal to the demand. Please place your order early. We will hold shipment if desired until corn planting time.

PRICE—Fifteen Dollars Per Bushel. Less than bushel shipments priced at the bushel rate. Discount on ten bushels or over. Write regarding your requirements.



THIS IS THE WAY IT LOOKED IN THE FIELD ON THE FUNK FARMS ON OCT. 5, 1929.

SHORT STIFF STALKS (8 to 10ft.)

WELL ROOTED

GOOD EAR (8 to 12in.)

EAR LOW (3 to 4ft.)

Resistant to Disease Cold Drought

A Good Hybrid for Your Consideration

Funk's Hybrid No. 517

From Funk's Yellow Dent

Maturity 110-115 Days

These Reports TELL YOU the Experience of Others with Funk's Hybrid Corn.

W. C. Randall, Elmwood, Illinois, reports 70 bushels per aere with Funk's Hybrid and 65 bushels with his own corn. He reports further that it, "stands much better, fewer broken stalks. Think it is a good insurance against cold and having your corn go down."

We believe Mr. Randall has the right viewpoint. He no doubt considers good seed corn a sound investment. With a bushel of Seed Corn planting 8 acres Mr. Randall is alread 40 bushels of corn per bushel of seed.

Ray W. Peddicord of Marseilles, Illinois, had Hybrid which yielded 50 bushels per acre and this was 10 bushels per acre better than his own corn. He goes on to say that Hybrid, "yields better, stands better, shorter stalks. I have been looking for a high yielding corn with short stalks that would stand. This seems to be it."

You may wonder how we obtained corn of superior standing ability. It was by continued selection season after season for well-rooted, stiff-stalked, low-eared breeding strains. It is the result of years of selecting, discarding, testing, re-selecting and testing again. This has resulted in the development of a few breeding strains which when crossed produce the Hybrid Corn which we are now offering for you to grow.

Mechanical means of recording the pulling resistance of the roots and the breaking strength of the stalks aided

materially in the selection of well-rooted strong-stalked breeding strains. Final selections in the fall were delayed until nature itself had shown up many weaknesses in the strains. Continued selection for about fifteen years for plants of outstanding merit has given us superior breeding strains which form the foundation stock of our Hybrid Corn.

When purchasing Funk's Hybrid Corn You Obtain:

FIRST, the benefit of these years of selection and breeding.

SECOND, you obtain well matured seed from early planted, early harvested, properly dried corn.

THIRD, you obtain the accumulated experience of many seasons of testing eorn for vigor and freedom from disease.

FOURTH, you obtain a well graded seed treated with Improved Semesan, Jr., all ready for the planter box.

It is only in Funk's Hybrid that you can obtain Seed Corn which combines such breeding and quality and which results in such a satisfactory crop.



FUNK'S HYBRID NO. 365 STANDING FOR THE PICKER TILL THE VERY LAST PHOTOGRAPHED NOV. 23, 1929, IN MR. FRANK MOBERLY'S FINE 85 ACRE FIELD

Stiff Stalk Well Rooted Good Ear Low Down On Each Stalk

Resistant to
Disease, Cold,
Drought
Made Good Many
Places Last Year

Funk's Hybrid No. 365

From Funk's Yellow Dent

Maturity 110-115 Days

These men know! They grew Funk's Hybrid!

Hybrid 62 bushels per acre

Own Corn 54 bushels per acre

Sounder, better maturity, less disease, wind resistant, more vigorous, better yield.

This is the report Harvey J. Sconce of Sidell, Illinois, gives us regarding his experience with Hybrid Corn. We value highly Mr. Sconce's opinion since we know he is a good farmer and has considerable corn breeding knowledge and experience back of his opinion. He is both a pioneer corn and soy bean man.

A little closer home we find Mr. W. E. LEISCHNER of DeLand, Illinois, reporting 50-60 bushels per acre with Funk's Hybrid and 35-45 bushels per acre with his own corn. He supplements these figures by saying, "Hybrid Corn Stalks stood up better, the ears were more uniform in size and not so high from the ground." It is remarkable how many growers note good points other than yield, when discussing Hybrid Corn. It makes us more confident that we are on the right track in this corn breeding work.

Leaving Illinois, we find numerous Nebraska growers pleased with Hybrids produced on the Funk Farms near Bloomington, Illinois. J. Emmet McArdle of Washington, Nebraska, made 83 bushels per acre with Funk's Hybrid and 75 bushels per acre with his own corn. He goes on to say that the Hybrid, "Has stronger stalks, ears mere uniform distance from the ground, matures earlier than home variety, stands better, stalks not so high." Other reports vary from 40 to 113 bushels per acre for Hybrid Corn in Nebraska. That 113 bushel yield was made on a farm operated by the Hamilton County Farms Company, under irrigation.

Coming back to Iowa, Harold Clegg of Ainsworth, made 88 bushels with Funk's Hybrid which was 10 bushels better than his own corn. He remarks, "Did not grow as tall and not so many barren stalks. Stood up better. Please send prices on 1930 Seed Corn." Mr. Clegg in noting the lower percentage of barren stalks is hitting at one of the fundamental reasons why the Hybrid outyields other corn. The casual observer may see only stalks but it takes a real corn grower to see the ears. Ears make the yield with which to produce pork and other farm products while tall stalks catch the eye of the town visitors and the uninitiated. Bar-

ren stalks are costing the farmers thousands of dollars a year. That's why we've tried to breed a good ear on every stalk of Hybrid Corn.

Turn to the back page. Note similar reports from Indiana, Ohio, Missouri, Colorado, Oregon, and Illinois. These men purchased, not ordinary seed corn, but HYBRID SEED CORN which carried with it years of breeding. These years of breeding mean greater disease resistance, greater cold resistance, a better root system, a stiffer, stronger stalk, an increased efficiency in the utilization of soil fertility and very few barren stalks. All of these advantages combined make for a more vigorous, higher yielding corn which stands up better.

Let us suggest again that you give Funk's Hybrid a trial on a part of your corn acreage.

Our supply of HYBRID seed is not large. We'd rather have many new growers give one bushel or less of seed a trial than have a few farmers put their whole acreage to HYBRID CORN. That is the soundest course to pursue.

Which Hybrid Shall You Use? That depends on your local farm conditions. Many orders come in stating the location of farm, soil type, drainage conditions, growing season, etc., and say "Send Hybrid you think I should have." We appreciate the confidence these men have in our experience with corn. It increases our obligation to give them corn which will make good. We've written many that we could not supply corn to fit their need. Our corn was too late maturing or some factor was present which made us feel certain we did not have the corn for his particular conditions. These men appreciated a frank statement and asked for a small lot to try out. Consider the Special \$4.00 Offer in this connection. Learn for yourself which does best on your own farm. Some farmers have already learned by experience what strain of Funk's Hybrid will give them the best results and are now ordering seed for their entire acreage.



Standard Open-Pollinated Corn Varieties THESE ARE NOT HYBRIDS

Funk's Yellow Dent

Strain 176 A The Original Utility Type Corn

Developed from the Original Yellow Dent obtained from Mr. J. L. Reid in 1902, Funk's Yellow Dent eorn has made good all over the corn belt. There is probably a greater aereage of this open-pollinated corn planted in the Corn Belt than any other strain of Yellow Dent Corn.

The light golden color and rich lustre of this corn is sure to please you. The uniformity of ear and stalk are exceptional in an open-pollinated variety. The ears are from 8 to 11 inches long, 7 to 8 inches in circumference and shell out from 85 to 90 per eent of heavy high quality corn.

Our seed is of excellent quality, -lustrous, elean, plump and well graded. Germination guaranteed at least 95 per eent. If you have not tried Funk's 176 A we recommend this season as a fine time to get a start of it. If you are growing Funk's 176 A this season is an excellent time to get a little new seed on your farm. The quality is excellent.

Funk's 329 100 Day Corn

A Popular Feeding Corn

Developed by selection from Funk's 90 Day, it has retained many of the fine qualities of the earlier variety including a deep, oily kernel with a small eob.

A feeder is never pleased with chaffy eorn. One bushel of this corn well matured is the equal of two bushels of a later variety bearing larger ears which are soggy and starehy. Soft eorn is an aggravating problem on any farm. Plant a corn that will stand a better chance of maturing.

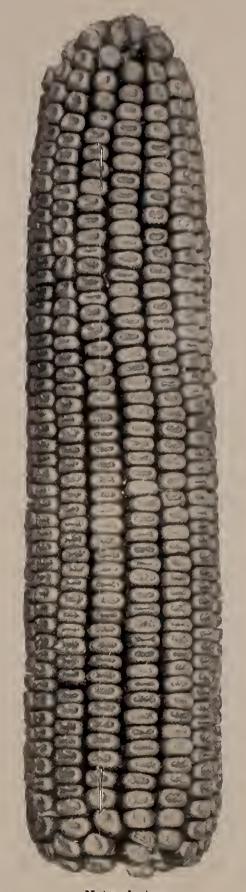
We recommend this variety for bottom land where planting is often delayed and where frost often oeeurs early. It is also valuable as a main crop farther north than Funk's 176 A can be grown with safety. This year's seed quality is above the average. We urge that you place your order early before the supply is exhausted.

Funk's 90 Day

FUNK'S 90 DAY YELLOW DENT, was originated by Mr. E. D. Funk in 1893. Constant attention and selection are necessary to maintain an early corn where the growing season approximates 120 days. We are ever applying the most advanced methods of eorn breeding in the production of this seed eorn. It is unsurpassed as an early maturing open-pollinated corn which yields well,

Funk's 90 Day stands well. It bears an ear from 7 to 9 inches long and from 6 to 7 inches in circumference having from 14 to 18 rows of kernels. The grain is of bright golden color, deep, oily, and of high quality.

This is a high quality seed from early planted, early pieked eorn. The germination is high and the seedlings are strong, healthy and vigorous. Funk's 90 Day finds wide usage as a eorn for replanting.



Natural size FUNK'S 329 New 100 Day Corn

Krug; Gold Standard Leaming, Early Yellow Dent, Boone

County White, Silvermine

We are carrying a stock of high quality seed of the above varieties. The same eareful selection has been practiced on this corn as on the varieties described in greater detail. They are all standard, widely grown varieties, well known to eorn growers.

If you are not satisfied with the eorn you are growing and are undeeided about the change you wish to make, write us and we will give you the best information we have regarding varieties which are performing well in your locality. Where our information is insuffieient we will so state. We have shipped eorn to all sections of the eountry over a long period of years. We have spent much time obtaining reports from these growers. This accumulated information and experience is yours for the asking.

Funk's Par-Post Seed Corn Testing Service

Just as Convenient as Your Mail Box

Costs but TWO CENTS per EAR. You send six kernels from each ear to us in numbered envelopes which we furnish. A numbered tab, to be placed on the ear, accompanies each numbered envelope. The germination record is returned to you on a form which is numbered to correspond to the ears you sent us. Very simple. The eorn never leaves your farm. No possible chance for a mix up.

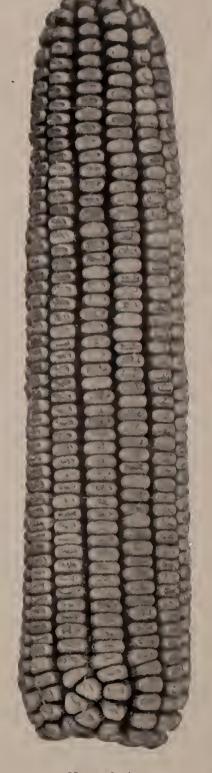
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A high compliment was paid our seed corn testing last year by a laboratory in New York which specializes in this work. We are prepared to give your eorn this same highgrade, eareful testing and we ean do it by mail.

READ THIS LETTER

"Our business with you has been limited to a few bushels of 3 or 4 varieties of pedigreed corn, but we want you to know that we have yet to see better seed eorn than yours. The laboratory tests were perfect in every way and while we have not had a final report from our foreign elients, we have every reason to believe that the field performance will equal the laboratory performance." E. E. PATTESON,

President, International Seed Testing Laboratory, 11 Park Place, New York, N. Y.



Natural size FUNK'S 90 DAY

FUNK'S YELLOW DENT Strain 176A

Natural size

Hardy "Bee Hive" Pedigreed, Utah Grown Alfalfa.

An Alfalfa seed grown on the high plateaus of Utah for over 50 years without the introduction of any seed from outside sources. Native of a country where the temperature varies from 19° below zero to over 100° above. Produced by an organization of farmers who have their fields inspected and supervised by experts. We have been distributing ''Bee Hive'' in Illinois for several years and recommend it to you as an Alfalfa which is making good.

Dakota No. 12, Northwestern Alfalfa, Idaho and Montana Alfalfa.

Your preference may be for seed and from one of the above localities. We are offering fine quality seed of these strains. Get our prices.

Dakota Grimm, Montana Grimm Alfalfa.

Grimm Alfalfa is a little hardier than ordinary alfalfa as a pasture crop. While we believe the price is against its widespread usage in the Corn Belt, we have a supply of high quality seed on hand for your consideration. Prices and samples submitted on request.

Red Clover.

An old standby which deserves more consideration in the Corn Belt Farmers' Cropping Program. The price is right and this legume should come into its own this year for hay, pasture and soil improvement. Land recently limed should be sown to Red Clover rather than to Sweet Clover until the limestone has had an opportunity to counteract the soil acidity. Test your soil—sow the legume it will grow—cut your seed bill—increase your chances of getting a crop. Our samples and prices are sure to please.

Mammoth Clover, (Big English)

Similar to Red in appearance of seed and habit of growth. Matures later and grows larger. Finds favor as a soil improvement crop. The price is down along with Red which is much more favorable than last year.

White Blossom Sweet Clover.

The king of all soil improvement crops. Also a good pasture and hay crop. Fits into any rotation and is extremely good where much livestock is raised. Where Blue Grass keeps one cow, Sweet Clover will carry three.

A word of caution: Test your soil. Do not seed Sweet Clover where the soil is acid. A little time spent in sampling and testing soil will save you a crop. On slightly acid soil use Red Clover and on medium acid soil use Alsike. Use the legume this soil acidity test indicates you can grow. Call on your Farm Adviser or a Vocational Agriculture Teacher for instructions and advice in making soil test. The University of Illinois or your own state college will cooperate with you or if you prefer send soil samples to us at Bloomington.

Grundy County Sweet Clover.

An earlier maturing, smaller growing, heavier seeding strain of White Blossom. Preferred by many for hay.

Unhulled Sweet Clover.

Seed on corn stalk ground during winter. Works into the rotation used on many Corn Belt farms.

Timothy.

We have a nice stock of home-grown seed on hand. Bright, plump, high germinating seed at a price you will look far to beat. An ideal grass to use with Red or Alsike Clover.

Alsike Clover.

Will grow on more acid soil than Red or Mammoth. Has the advantage of being a perennial which can be left down for several years. Alsike is superior in wet seasons or on poorly drained areas.

Alsike is a good pasture legume. With the low price now prevailing there is no time like the present to seed an Alsike pasture or to reseed the pasture you now have.

Genuine Broad Leaved, Dwarf Essex Rape.

Sown with oats it provides a summer pasture in place of weeds. Good for all stock. May be sown between corn rows at last cultivation.

Hay and Pasture Mixtures.

Mixtures vary according to type of land on which it is to be used. State the soil and drainage conditions of land you wish to seed. Put that small lot in a really productive crop.

Sudan Grass.

One of the Sorghum family of grasses. Introduced in 1909. Two cuttings of hay possible with yields ranging from three to five tons per acre. A successful pasture crop. Best growth secured in hot dry weather when other pastures fail.

Velvet Barbless Barley.

A bearded Barley but without the barbs which make beards objectionable. Yields as well as other varieties. Our seed is of good quality and will please you. Let us bid on your requirement.

Oderbrucker and Wisconsin Pedigree Types Barley.

A standard barley variety of long standing. When combines are used beards are no objection. Get our prices.

Seed Treatment

Semesan Jr. for Corn
Use two ounces per bushel

4-oz. tin____\$.50 1-lb. tin____ 1.75 Ceresan for Small Grain 8.0z. tin_\$.50 1.lb. tin_ .75

Use two ounces per bushel for Rye and 5-lb. tin_ 3.00

Use two ounces per bushel for Rye and 5-lb. tin_3 Wheat and three ounces per bushel for Oats and Barley.

Should you prefer, we will ship your corn already treated at an additional charge of 35 cents per bushel and your small grain (Oats, Barley, Rye and Wheat) at 15 cents per bushel.

Kindly note on order blank if you desire seed treated before shipping.

All of FUNK'S HYBRID CORN is shipped treated with IMPROVED SEMESAN JR.

Dark Hard Marquis and Illinois No. 1 Spring Wheat.

For North Central Illinois we recommend the use of Illinois No. 1 since it is more resistant to scab than Marquis. Order early as seed stocks are small.

OATS.

Good seed Oats are not easy to find. We have a limited stock of good quality seed and will do our best to take care of your needs along this line. Funk's Great American, Silvermine, Early Prolific, Iowa 103 and Iowar are the varieties we are offering.

RYE.

Rosen Rye is a standard variety which is hard to beat. We have quality seed of a pure strain which is sure to please.

Soy Beans.

Illini, Manchu, A. K., Dunfield, Wilson, Ebony, Virginia, Black Eyebrow, Funk's Hay Mixture.

Our aim is good quality, high germinating seed beans. Our prices are as low as you will find anywhere, quality considered. Let us hear from you regarding your requirements. Look over our samples and prices.

Funk's Soy Bean Hay Mixture

Made up of varieties such as Ebony, Wilson and Virginia with sufficient early maturing yellow varieties to permit cutting while leaves are still on and yet obtain ample grain. The early maturing yellow beans also tend to prevent lodging. This mixture is an excellent proposition where a high quality legume hay is desired.

INOCULATION

With the low price of inoculation we are convinced that every farmer should inoculate every bushel of Sweet Clover, Red Clover, Alfalfa, Soy Beans that he plants. The cost of the inoculation varies from 10 cents to 20 cents per acre—practically nothing when compared to the fertilizing value of well-inoculated legumes at \$5.00 to \$10.00 per acre.

We Are Offering:

DRY-INOC The Original Dry Inoculation

This new method eliminates all antiquated sloppy water methods.

FUNK FARMS BRAND JELLY CULTURE

The old standard method of inoculation which is applied with water.

McQUEEN'S DUST-KOTE INOCULATOR

A dry powder which sticks to seeds without water. Easy to use.

See Price List for Prices. Literature on Request.

I never made a better investment than when I bought that bushel of seed corn from your disease free and disease resisting Funk's 329 100-day corn. We were also well pleased with your testing last year. Let me hear from you, then I'll decide about testing.

O. M. Miller, Manitou Farm, Rochester, Ind.

I am well pleased with your 329 corn. It does well on sandy soil, produces fine large ears. I planted some the first week in June and it was dented the first week in September and ready for cutting, some stalks 12½ ft. in height. I recommend it for an early corn that you can be sure of maturing in a short season. Irwin Edgerton, Hanover, Ill.

We are certainly well pleased with all the seed corn you have shipped into this territory.

Stanley D. Carpenter, County Agent, Osceola, Arkansas.

The Hybrid corn I bought of you last spring is standing up and shows very little damage from the severe wind storms which we had in July. Other yellow corn planted the same day in the same field and same kind of ground blew down almost flat and then grew up crooked and tangled, and apparently much damaged.

Geo. W. Fair, Chrisman, Illinois.

Have 40 acres of your hybrid corn. It matures earlier, stands up better and yields as well. I think you are doing a fine work for the farmer and I hope you will be able to so continue. My dealings with the firm have always been very satisfactory indeed, and I will want enough of your hybrid corn to plant 40 acres next year.

A. B. Moore, Chatham, Illinois.

I have done business with Funk Bros. Seed Company ever since they opened for business. Your seed service has always been 100 per cent satisfactory. We are growing your hybrid corn. It matures earlier and yields better. We have used Semesan Jr. on corn with good results. We shall continue to use it. We are substituting Ceresan for Copper Carbonate on Wheat this Fall. We are growing soy beans for hay also.

Edwin O. Ropp, Normal, Illinois.

I think the Hybrid yields at least 10 bushels more to the acre. I have been doing business with Funk Bros. Seed Company about 14 years and I cannot recommend them too highly. I have bought all kinds of seeds and found them all satisfactory in every way. I have used the seed treatments also.

Phil Sheets, Bloomington, Illinois.

Have a small patch 176 A, looks fine, stands well, matured way ahead of our earliest yellow. Have used Semesan Jr. on all corn for two years. Glenn T. Sax, Ellery, Ill.

Hybrid 97 bushels per acre.

Other corn 90 bushels per acre.

Did not break over as badly. Johnstone Bros., Bloomington, Illinois

Hybrid 75 bushels per acre.

Other corn 60 bushels per acre.

Stands up better. Send some extra 1930 catalogues. C. J. Mills, Dixon, Nebraska.

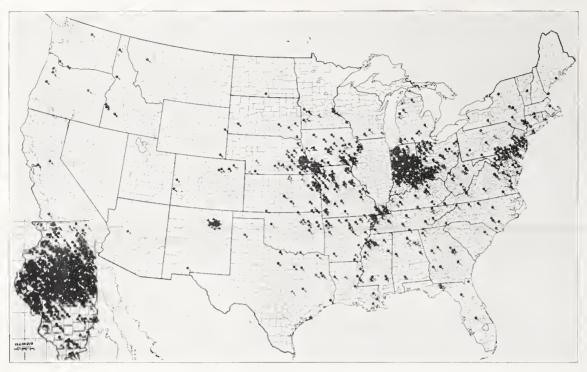
Funk's Field and Road Drain

(PATENTED)

This drain provides for the immediate removal of surface waters from fields and roads. It diverts the water directly into the tile preventing the formation of mudholes in roads and putting low places in the field in shape to be worked with the rest of the land. Surface drainage from early summer rains moved into the tile without crop loss due to scalding or drowning out. Winter killing in low places lessened by immediate removal of water from fall rains and melting snow.

Prices and Literature on Request

FUNK'S HYBRID CORN MAKES GOOD OVER WIDE AREA



Each dot in this map represents a Hybrid Corn Order last Spring. Notice the Illinois Distribution in the Lower Left Corner.

Hybrid 78.2 bu. per acre. Other corn 71.7 bu. per acre. 6.5 bu. increase per acre. "Other corn" was home picked 176 A. Robert S. McCormick, Gibson City, Illinois.

Hybrid 50 bu. per acre.

One advantage I think it has the stalks are stronger and stand up better than other corn.

Lloyd H. Patterson, R. R. 2, Plainfield, Illinois.

Hybrid 45 bu. per acre.

I think that it was more sturdy.

ground and it ripened before frost.

A. N. Echols, R. R. 1, Irondale, Ohio.

Hybrid 50 bu. per acrc. Other corn 45 bu. per acrc. Stands up better, matures carlier than our own, both kinds planted same day, same soil, very adverse conditions, high water covered it 5 times before we could cultivate it.

W. B. Monical, R. R. 1, Brooklyn, Ind.

Hybrid 50 bu. per acre. Other corn 40 bu. per acre. No barren stalks and Oh so nice to pick. Send me price list on corn.

Floyd Swain, R. R. 5, Bedford, Iowa.

Hybrid 35 bu. per acre. Other corn 22 bu. per acre. Better quality, and I think it is the coming corn. Frost Sept. 2nd did not hurt hybrid. Other corn was frosted. Root system remarkable, great drought resister.

J. A. L. Burnett, Merino, Colo.

Hybrid 40 bu. per acre. Other corn 25 bu. per acre. 20 per cent more solid corn.
Geo. B. Kindig, R. R. 2, Doniphan, Nebraska.

Hybrid 82½ bu. per acre. Other corn 76 bu. per acre. About two weeks earlier and did not fall down.

Also nicer height ear to shuck.

Olan K. Low, Tarkio, Mo.

Special \$4.00 SeedCorn Offer

Five Yellow Varieties Disease Free Corn—enough to plant quarter acre of each. Includes at least three of Funk's Famous Hybrids. \$4.00 postpaid or double quantity for \$7.50 postpaid.

Hybrid 50 bu. per acre.

Other corn 45 bu. per acre.
Larger ears, stood up better, handy to husk. My intentions are now to plant all hybrid, low down, No. 365.
Henry F. Oetken,

R. R. 4, Burlington, Iowa.

Hybrid 75 bu. per acre. Other corn 40 bu. per acre.

Earlier maturing and smaller fodder.

T. S. Fenton, Purcellville, Va.

Hybrid 50 bu. per acre. Other corn 40 bu. per acre. It produced all No. 1 corn. No rotten at all and a month earlier than other corn. Elliott Porter, Florence, Indiana.

Hybrid 37.3 bu. per acre.

Hybrid 7.3 bu. per acre better.

R. B. Hudson & Son, Carrollton, Mo.



Funk's Hybrid Corn Made 90 Bushels per acre on the W. A. "Billy" Sunday Ranch near Hood River, Oregon. The Gentleman with the Pleased Look on his Face is "Billy's" Brother and Manager, H. E. Sunday.

Of course they ordered more seed corn.